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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
JUAN F. VALDEZ)	Group Art Unit 3726
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Serial No. 10/728,713)	
)	Examiner John C. Hong
Filed: December 5, 2003)	
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For: METHOD OF SECURING A BODY)	Attorney Docket 1-23716
MOUNT SUPPORT BRACKET ON A)	
VEHICLE BODY AND FRAME ASSEMBLY)	

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Raza et al. reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 defines the invention as a method for securing a body mount support bracket to a portion of a vehicle body and frame assembly. Initially, a body mount support bracket is provided. Then, internal stresses are created within the body mount support bracket. Lastly, the body mount support bracket is secured to a portion of a vehicle body and frame assembly so as to maintain the internal stresses therein. Independent Claim 17 defines the invention as a method of manufacturing a